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NEW SECGEN, AND CUBAN SANCTIONS

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1. FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDER SECRETARY DORCELY ON MARCH 25 PROVIDED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND OPINIONS:

2. FACIO PROPOSALS - ALTHOUGH FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY BRUTUS
HAS NOT YET RECEIVED FACIO'S LETTER, THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT
THE GOH SUPPORTS THE PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE THE GENERAL DEBATE
AT THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN FAVOR OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS
AMONG THE FOREIGN MINISTERS.

3. ELECTION OF NEW OAS SECRETARY GENERAL - UNFORTUNATELY PRESIDENT
DUVALIER FELT OBLIGED TO COMMIT HAITI TO GOMEZ BERGES' CANDIDACY,
BUT THIS APPLIED ONLY TO THE FIRST VOTE. DORCELY AND BRUTUS
HAVE SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT GOMEZ'S QUALIFICATIONS, ESPECIALLY
SINCE HIS PERFORMANCE AT QUITO, WHERE HE VOTED TO LIFT CUBAN
SANCTIONS SIMPLY TO BOLSTER HIS OWN CANDIDACY AT THE EXPENSE
OF HIS OWN COUNTRY'S INTERESTS. AFTER THE FIRST VOTE THE GOH
WILL SUPPORT WHATEVER CANDIDATE THEN APPEARED DESIRABLE. THE GOH
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THOUGHT THAT GARCIA BEDOYA HAD SOME POSSIBILITIES, BUT NEITHER

BRUTUS NOR DORCELY HAD EVER BEEN APPROACHED ABOUT ORFILA.
DORCELY ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT EL SALVADOR AND GUATEMALA WERE
NOW SUPPORTING GOMEZ.

4. PARAGUAYAN AMBASSADOR SOLANO LOPEZ'S EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE
FOR ALLEGED GOH SUPPORT FOR SAPENA PASTOR'S CANDIDACY (PAUP 388)
WAS BASED ON AN UNAUTHORIZED AND SINCE REPUDIATED COMMITMENT GIVEN
PARAGUAY BY GERARD BOUCHETTE, FORMER GOH AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS.
THE GOH NEVER SUPPORTED SAPENA PASTOR, AND DOES NOT NOW.

5. CUBAN SANCTIONS - THE GOH HAS DECIDED TO SUPPORT THE PRODECURAL
CHANGE PERMITTING A SIMPLY MAJORITY RATHER THAN TWO-THIRDS
VOTE TO LIFT SANCTIONS, BUT, AS AT QUITO, WILL ABSTAIN ON ANY
VOTE TO LIFT CUBAN SANCTIONS. DORCELY EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE
ANNOYANCE AT CLAIMS BY SOME LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES THAT THE GOH
SOLD ITS VOTE AT QUITO, REMARKING THAT AS WE WERE AWARE THE GOH
CABINET HAD DECIDED HAITI WOULD ABSTAIN WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE
QUITO MEETING. ABOVE ALL THE GOH HAS NO INTENTION TO RESUME BILATERAL
RELATIONS WITH CUBA, SINCE A REOPENED CUBAN EMBASSY IN PORT-AU-PRINCE
INEVITABLY WOULD BE A MAGNET FOR ANTI-GOH DISSIDENTS. THE GOH
ALSO HOPES THAT NEIGHBORING DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WILL NOT RESUME
RELATIONS WITH CUBA.
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